

**Eccentric Trip to Freedom**

Posted by EccentricComposer - 12 Mar 2023 02:17

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I'm a Bochur in a main stream Yeshivah who's been working on a hotzaas zera l'vatallah problem for 10 years. B"H I've improved tremendously over that time, and when I'm away from home I have almost no issues. The main time I have any problems is when I go home over Bein Hamzanim and Off-Shabbosos, and even then I've been working incredibly hard and have been able to be Kovesh my Yetzeir Horah a lot. I'm just looking for some Chizuk and maybe some tips for when I go home so that I don't fall in! My main problems are sometimes seeing something inappropriate on the computer, though its fully filtered, and sometimes there are some magazines near my room that have pictures of women (they're not inappropriately dressed), but I am to embarrassed to bring it up with my parents, most of the time I fall in because I was thinking about doing it, and give in to the urge. I feel that the main thing I need is some Chizuk and people to update when everything is going well! My last couple times home I did great at the beginning, but it gets harder as time goes on, and I want to make sure that I'm totally prepared for Pesach Bein HaZmanim!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this, and for the chizuk!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by chaimoigen - 19 Jun 2023 22:34

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You are a special person. In sharing your story, the beauty of your neshoma shines through.

Keep on growing and shteiging.... And we will grow and shtieg by being together with you ....

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 20 Jun 2023 00:54

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Day 7 on reading again, b"h, another date coming up, please daven for me!

Thank you everyone!

Hatzlacha!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by Vehkam - 20 Jun 2023 04:15

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Thank you everyone!

Hatzlacha!We can have each other in mind!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by Grant400 - 20 Jun 2023 12:21

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[EccentricComposer wrote on 18 Jun 2023 21:16:](#)

Day 6, everything's still great.

I wanted to share my story a bit, I think it would be healthy for me and help me really move on.

This started around when I was 12, I still remember the first time. I was at home by myself on amazon looking up some baseball cards and those players had the same last name as someone else I shouldn't have seen. I was thoroughly confused after that first experience, but it went down from their. For a couple of years I would oftentimes sneak away my parent's old smartphone, which I knew the code to of course, and look at things I shouldn't have. Slowly it moved from one to another, and it wasn't always the cleanest things to look at. Eventually I was finding things on YouTube, and it wasn't doing the best for me. Then, a couple days before Yom Kippur, my father asked me point blank if I was having issues with this thing. He didn't know if I was, but he was making sure, and I told him the issue, and cried. Sadly, that wasn't the end solution, he helped me a bit, but I was always too scared to really confide in him, I didn't want him to look down on me, which was silly. Then we got filters on the computers, which definitely helped, and eventually my parents chapped onto the smartphone when they checked the history on it, b"h. The worst I ever did was that my mother used to leave her computer logged on and I used to sneak to it at night, that was the worst things I ever saw, until one day my father caught me, but he didn't know what I was doing on it and I didn't tell him, but my mother made sure it was logged out after that. I never saw actual p for a long time if any, I really don't know what it actually is, and I will never know, I always thought I was bad, but now I realize its normal. That night on the computer was probably my bottom, I remember it very well. I had lots of other bumps downwards, but that was really the lowest. B"h I got caught, I was and am truly thankful.

This was all really before Yeshivah, so throughout middle school this was my problem, and it was bad. Eventually I did discuss it with my father a couple of times, and we solved a lot of the issues, but I never truly cleansed everything. Throughout my time in Mesivta I wouldn't have trouble there, but I would go home at nights and often have issues. The smartphone was still an issue at the beginning here, and the computer, but I moved on from those as I grew up. Eventually I made sure I filtered the computer well enough when I went on, though I always found some ways to find things around it, and then I had the issues with the magazines, but I was always working on growing by that point.

Then I went to Beis Medrash out of town, and that was incredible, I had no issues when I was away, only every once and a while when I came home Bein HaZmanim the old demons raised their heads, until corona happened and I was stuck at home for 3 months. At first I did ok, but it was a massive struggle, I spent a lot of time trying to find material, and it was a waste of time and I hated it. Finally, one day I decided enough was enough and signed up for GYE, I saw an ad for it somewhere and decided it was what I needed. So I did the basics, printed out the charts and got the 90 day thing, and I think it was that day that I heard we were allowed to return to Yeshivah for the rest of the zman, I was so excited. I literally stayed in Yeshivah for 3 months without going home, and one of the main reasons was so I could make it my 90 days. Sadly, I didn't really keep in touch with the person I had available, and when I finally got back home it was back to the old grind.

Fast forward a couple more years, and I was still struggling. Every Bein HaZmanim I would make a chart and keep to it for a couple of weeks and be really excited that I would make it, and then by the end I was slipping up again. Every time I came home.

Finally, earlier this year I get an email from GYE about fundraising, in my spam inbox, and I see it and I know what I have to do. I had gotten a job in the Yeshivah where I have access to a completely filtered computer, and I tested to see if GYE is unblocked, and it is! I was so happy, I got into it and decided the best way to go was reading the forums. And now, here I am, hopefully continuing my trek upwards.

The main thing I need to say is that I was saved from seeing the truly terrible stuff. B"h my father was on top of me enough to really make sure I was ok, and that I am not in a bad place. I have really been trying to grow in this area for YEARS. He even got me a sefer, which definitely helped. I am very grateful about where I am holding right now, I know it could be much, much worse, I feel like this is really the end, and I see the light at the end of the tunnel, and it is getting brighter.

Thank you for reading, I feel great putting this out and getting it off of my back, I think I am truly able to move on from this.

Great share!

Unpack all these feelings and continue moving up and past it all.

You are a true inspiration.

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 21 Jun 2023 01:15

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Day 8, going well, b"h

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 22 Jun 2023 19:53

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Day 8, B"h everything's going well, 80 since my slip before Pesach, absolutely incredible. Also, shidduchim going well as of now. Still davening, and I hope everyone else is too!

Hatzlacha!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 23 Jun 2023 14:42

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Woops, realized I did some miscounting over there, I've been super-duper busy. \

It was day 10

Even better!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by Horizon - 23 Jun 2023 19:11

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ha! i was wondering how you got from 8 to 8...

hope shiduchim continues going well:)

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by Grant400 - 23 Jun 2023 19:21

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[Horizon wrote on 23 Jun 2023 19:11:](#)

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Seems to be going well...that's why he's getting confused...he has his mind elsewhere lol

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 23 Jun 2023 22:57

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Day 11

Grant hit the nail on the head, as of now everything is going well, b"h only good news. Keep davening!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 25 Jun 2023 21:30

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Thanks everyone, keep davening and be"h everything will continue to go well!

Hatzlacha!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by Grant400 - 25 Jun 2023 22:14

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[EccentricComposer wrote on 25 Jun 2023 21:30:](#)

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Hatzlacha!

Yes, this seems pretty common. I immediately block and delete, without answering back anything. If it is just a wrong number, not my problem.

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by chaimoigen - 25 Jun 2023 23:06

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[EccentricComposer wrote on 25 Jun 2023 21:30:](#)

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Hatzlacha!

i'm told that it can be scammers phishing to reel you in...

I view it as the Yetzer fishing to reel you in.

But he didn't. Because you, my eccentric, special friend, are in the process of composing a magnificent opus of many movements of Shira of coming close the Aibersher, and you just added a moving flourish....

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 26 Jun 2023 01:04

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Day 1 (on reading) again.

Thank you everyone for the chizzuk, I have a date coming up again, and be"h it'll go well. Up to 84 since my last slip, which is amazing.



Hatzlacha!

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